

I am alarmed to learn of the pending FCC rule modification that will allow further consolidation and cross-ownership of news media. The potential restriction of viewpoints and news content that can result are obvious threats to democracy in the U.S. I urge you not to loosen the existing rules any further.

My sense of alarm is heightened by the threatened discontinuance of a joint operating agreement that allows publication of two major daily newspapers here in the Seattle area. If the Seattle Times is allowed to discontinue the agreement, the more liberal Post-Intelligencer will cease publication. I realize this is not an FCC concern, but it is symptomatic of a relentless trend to monopolization of media.